

## Appleton Comprehensive Plan 2005 Community Survey Results

### Introduction

During 2002 and 2003, the Appleton Comprehensive Plan Committee developed a survey instrument to poll landowners and residents of the Town of Appleton to help the Committee describe a shared “vision” for the Town.

*Before there can be a meaningful comprehensive plan, the residents must agree on a mental picture of what they want the community to look like, feel like, and be like. They must imagine what people walking along Main Street should experience; imagine the sidewalks and bike trails and roads for cars and trucks; picture the parks and nature preserves; and identify the best places for new houses and what those houses might look like. This mental picture is a “vision.”*

*The community creates the vision through a process... and the comprehensive planning committee takes the vision and translates it into the community’s blueprint or comprehensive plan. The vision describes what people want, the comprehensive plan describes how to get there.*

... From the Maine State Planning Office Publication “Community Visioning Handbook: How to Imagine – and Create – a Better Future.”  
[<http://www.state.me.us/spo/landuse/docs/visioning/visioning.pdf>]

In April 2003, the survey instrument was printed and mailed to some 714 addresses drawn from the Town’s tax roll, a list that includes not only current residents of the Town, but also property owners who live away but are nevertheless “stakeholders” in the planning process.

248 surveys were returned (34% of the mailing). The Committee then tabulated the hard-coded responses using computer database software, and the Committee grouped respondents’ open-ended responses into meaningful categories. The results of the Survey follow.

### 1 What is your opinion about the adequacy of town services?

	Total	Adequate	Needs Some Improvement	Needs Much Improvement
1a. Fire Protection	197	166 (84%)	25 (13%)	6 (3%)
1b. Road Maintenance	213	138 (65%)	55 (26%)	20 (9%)
1c. Snow Removal Sanding	212	170 (80%)	34 (16%)	8 (4%)
1d. Police Protection	183	131 (72%)	31 (17%)	21 (11%)
1e. Health Services	172	113 (66%)	38 (22%)	21 (12%)
1f. Emergency Medical Services	188	139 (74%)	38 (20%)	11 (6%)
1g. Town Administration	208	165 (79%)	28 (13%)	15 (7%)
1h. School System	204	142 (70%)	43 (21%)	19 (9%)
1i. Recreational Facilities	193	101 (52%)	56 (29%)	36 (19%)
1j. Solid Waste Disposal	181	142 (78%)	24 (13%)	15 (8%)

### 2 What type of land use would you like to see in Appleton?

	Total	Expanded	Present Level	Reduced
2a. Residential single family homes	216	82 (38%)	124 (57%)	10 (5%)
2b. Residential multiple family homes	208	42 (20%)	117 (56%)	49 (24%)
2c. Residential mobile homes	211	17 (8%)	101 (48%)	93 (44%)
2d. Agricultural	222	140 (63%)	79 (36%)	3 (1%)
2e. Forest	216	125 (58%)	88 (41%)	3 (1%)
2f. Recreation	206	110 (53%)	92 (45%)	4 (2%)
2g. Natural undeveloped	209	109 (52%)	95 (45%)	5 (2%)
2h. Commercial Light 10 or fewer employees	203	121 (60%)	69 (34%)	13 (6%)
2i. Commercial Medium 11 to 50 employees	193	65 (34%)	88 (46%)	40 (21%)
2j. Commercial Heavy More than 50 employees	188	28 (15%)	95 (51%)	65 (35%)

**3 Should Appleton encourage the preservation of:**

	Total	Yes	Undecided	No
3a. Historic sites	226	195 (86%)	14 (6%)	17 (8%)
3b. Natural resources	222	189 (85%)	18 (8%)	15 (7%)
3c. Scenic views	222	184 (83%)	12 (5%)	26 (12%)
3d. Undeveloped shoreline	214	161 (75%)	18 (8%)	35 (16%)
3e. Wildlife habitat	222	193 (87%)	10 (5%)	19 (9%)
3f. Groundwater sources	220	194 (88%)	11 (5%)	15 (7%)
3g. Wetlands	223	171 (77%)	24 (11%)	28 (13%)
3h. Steep slopes	218	147 (67%)	31 (14%)	40 (18%)
3i. Forested land	224	185 (83%)	14 (6%)	25 (11%)
3j. Agricultural land	224	197 (88%)	9 (4%)	18 (8%)

**4 Should Appleton retain and /or acquire land for public use?**

	Total	Yes	Undecided	No
4a. Public land on Sennebec Pond	226	169 (75%)	13 (6%)	44 (19%)
4b. Land for town forest	223	124 (56%)	28 (13%)	71 (32%)
4c. Scenic tracts places	214	142 (66%)	19 (9%)	53 (25%)
4d. None	78	10 (13%)	23 (29%)	45 (58%)
4e. Other please list	44	11 (25%)	19 (43%)	14 (32%)

**5 Should Appleton have ordinances to cover specific activities such as environmental protection, site improvement, and junkyards?**

	Total	Yes	Undecided	No
5a. Standards for artificial lighting	223	140 (63%)	23 (10%)	60 (27%)
5b. Standards for signs and billboards	230	180 (78%)	8 (3%)	42 (18%)
5c. Standards for junkyards automobile recycling	235	204 (87%)	8 (3%)	23 (10%)
5d. Standards for land use	225	137 (61%)	28 (12%)	60 (27%)
5e. Standards for aesthetic design	216	80 (37%)	37 (17%)	99 (46%)
5f. Other please list	30	6 (20%)	18 (60%)	6 (20%)

**6 Should Appleton consider districting to control future growth and development?**

	Total	Yes	Undecided	No
	239	119 (50%)	60 (25%)	60 (25%)

**7 Should Appleton discourage development in areas that might have scenic, wildlife, and agricultural or other important values?**

	Total	Yes	Undecided	No
	230	153 (67%)	23 (10%)	54 (23%)

**8 If the demand for multifamily housing in Appleton should develop, should the housing units be?**

	Total	Yes	Undecided	No
8a. Permitted anyplace in a residential a	213	53 (25%)	17 (8%)	143 (67%)
8b. Permitted only in specific parts of t	211	135 (64%)	22 (10%)	54 (26%)
8c. Permitted as conv.of exist single fam	208	121 (58%)	31 (15%)	56 (27%)
8d. Permitted as garden apartments	204	100 (49%)	41 (20%)	63 (31%)
8e. Permitted as condominiums	201	79 (39%)	29 (14%)	93 (46%)
8f. Permitted as 3 4 story buildings	205	25 (12%)	22 (11%)	158 (77%)
8g. No opinion	29	5 (17%)	8 (28%)	16 (55%)
8h. Other	17	3 (18%)	5 (29%)	9 (53%)

**9 If the demand or desire for mobile home parks in Appleton arises, should the parks be?**

	Total	Yes	Undecided	No
9a. Permitted any place in a residential are	208	21 (10%)	10 (5%)	177 (85%)
9b. Permitted only in specific parts of the	217	132 (61%)	15 (7%)	70 (32%)
9c. Permitted as conv.of exist single family	179	34 (19%)	25 (14%)	120 (67%)
9d. No opinion	18	5 (28%)	5 (28%)	8 (44%)
9e. Other	16	6 (38%)	3 (19%)	7 (44%)

**10 Should Appleton consider regulating the installation of mobile homes?**

	Total	Yes	Undecided	No
	231	156 (68%)	24 (10%)	51 (22%)

**11 If the demand or desire arises for smaller lots in Appleton (sized less than one acre), should the smaller lots be...**

	Total	Yes	Undecided	No
11a. Permitted anywhere in the town limits	210	33 (16%)	12 (6%)	165 (79%)
11b. Permitted in specific parts of town design	223	127 (57%)	17 (8%)	79 (35%)
11c. Permitted only if lots are sold at an affor	200	32 (16%)	38 (19%)	130 (65%)
11d. No opinion	20	4 (20%)	7 (35%)	9 (45%)
11e. Other	17	5 (29%)	4 (24%)	8 (47%)

**12 Would you like to see any of the following businesses or industries move into the town or expand if they already exist?**

	Total	Favor	Undecided	Oppose
12a. Light Industry	212	143 (67%)	27 (13%)	42 (20%)
12b. Research firms	209	134 (64%)	33 (16%)	42 (20%)
12c. Boat building	214	169 (79%)	18 (8%)	27 (13%)
12d. Craft industries	214	182 (85%)	15 (7%)	17 (8%)
12e. Trade Services	206	159 (77%)	25 (12%)	22 (11%)
12f. Retail stores	214	138 (64%)	21 (10%)	55 (26%)
12g. Repair services	216	175 (81%)	19 (9%)	22 (10%)
12h. Construction	210	144 (69%)	24 (11%)	42 (20%)
12i. Professional services	214	182 (85%)	12 (6%)	20 (9%)
12j. Banking	212	131 (62%)	21 (10%)	60 (28%)
12k. Medical	212	161 (76%)	14 (7%)	37 (17%)
12l. Tourism and recreation	209	132 (63%)	24 (11%)	53 (25%)
12m. Hotels inns motels	211	92 (44%)	27 (13%)	92 (44%)
12n. Bed Breakfast	219	177 (81%)	12 (5%)	30 (14%)
12o. Timeshare units	209	57 (27%)	23 (11%)	129 (62%)
12p. Restaurants	216	171 (79%)	12 (6%)	33 (15%)
12q. Amusements	210	59 (28%)	27 (13%)	124 (59%)
12r. Resource extraction and production	206	46 (22%)	39 (19%)	121 (59%)
12s. Forestry operations	215	108 (50%)	33 (15%)	74 (34%)
12t. Wood processing	209	97 (46%)	32 (15%)	80 (38%)
12u. Farming	223	205 (92%)	9 (4%)	9 (4%)
12v. Processing farm products	211	124 (59%)	34 (16%)	53 (25%)
12w. Mining Quarrying	220	52 (24%)	25 (11%)	143 (65%)
12x. Heavy industry	214	20 (9%)	15 (7%)	179 (84%)
12y. Toxic waste storage	221	6 (3%)	8 (4%)	207 (94%)
12z. Automotive salvage yard	218	29 (13%)	21 (10%)	168 (77%)
12zz. Other	33	4 (12%)	10 (30%)	19 (58%)

**13 People should be allowed to have a small business in their home as long as they meet the standards relating to traffic safety, environment, and neighborhood impacts?**

Total	Yes	Undecided	No
237	229 (97%)	5 (2%)	3 (1%)

**14 People should be allowed to have a small business on their property in a building other than their home?**

Total	Yes	Undecided	No
236	212 (90%)	16 (7%)	8 (3%)

**15 Should Appleton create specific zones for commercial use?**

Total	Yes	Undecided	No
233	95 (41%)	46 (20%)	92 (39%)

**16 Do you feel that more of Appleton's town-maintained roads should be paved?**

Total	Yes	Undecided	No
232	84 (36%)	30 (13%)	118 (51%)

**17 If a regularly scheduled public transportation service was available, do you think your town should be involved in the administration of this service?**

Total	Yes	Undecided	No
236	80 (34%)	45 (19%)	111 (47%)

**18 Would you be in favor of using local tax dollars for a regularly scheduled public transportation service?**

Total	Yes	Undecided	No
232	50 (22%)	43 (19%)	139 (60%)

**19 Who should be responsible for bringing substandard town roads up to standard when houses are built on these roads?**

19a. Builder developer	118 (48% of 248)
19b. Home owner	54 (22% of 248)
19c. Town	101 (41% of 248)
19d. No opinion	21 (8% of 248)
19e. Other	5 (2% of 248)

**20 How long have you lived in Appleton?**

Total	Less than 5 yrs	1 to 5 yrs	5 - 10 yrs	11 to 30 yrs	31 to 100 yrs
223	14 (6%)	38 (17%)	40 (18%)	83 (37%)	48 (22%)

**21 Do you live in another state for less than six months of the year? (Go away for some part of the winter).**

Yes: 12 (5% of 248)

**22 Do you live in Appleton for less than six months of the year? (Summer folks, overseas employment).**

Yes: 34 (14% of 248)

**23 If yes, do you plan to move to Appleton permanently within the next five to ten years?**

Total	Yes	Undecided	No
44	13 (30%)	17 (39%)	14 (32%)

**24 Please indicate the number of people by age groups that live in your home.**

24a. PeopleByAgeInHome 0-18	114 (Total)
24b. PeopleByAgeInHome 19-40	119 (Total)
24c. PeopleByAgeInHome 41-60	223 (Total)
24d. PeopleByAgeInHome 61plus	107 (Total)

**25 Do you presently? (Check those that apply)**

25a. Do you Own your home in Appleton	198 (80% of 248)
25b. Rent your home in Appleton	2 (1% of 248)
25c. Own land other than your home site in App	73 (30% of 248)

**26 Would you divide your currently held property if the opportunity arose?**

Total	Yes	Undecided	No
229	55 (24%)	34 (15%)	140 (61%)

**27 Would you like to see the following housing in Appleton?**

	Total	Yes	Undecided	No
27a. Housing for the Elderly	228	155 (68%)	33 (14%)	40 (18%)
27b. Affordable housing	226	119 (53%)	37 (16%)	70 (31%)
27c. Nursing homes	220	109 (50%)	44 (20%)	67 (30%)
27d. Boarding homes	217	80 (37%)	45 (21%)	92 (42%)
27e. Other (please specify)	31	7 (23%)	9 (29%)	15 (48%)

**28 How many residents in your household are:**

28a. Male 0-5	21 (Total)
28b. Female 0-5	13 (Total)
28c. Male 6-17	40 (Total)
28d. Female 6-17	38 (Total)
28e. Male 18-30	29 (Total)
28f. Female 18-30	31 (Total)
28g. Male 31-65	153 (Total)
28h. Female 31-65	155 (Total)
28i. Male +65	46 (Total)
28j. Female +65	48 (Total)

**29 Is your place of employment? (Please include all commuting members of the household.)**

29a. Appleton	49 (20% of 248)
29b. Union	12 (5% of 248)
29c. Rockland	49 (20% of 248)
29d. Camden	38 (15% of 248)
29e. Belfast	24 (10% of 248)
29f. Augusta	9 (4% of 248)
29g. Other	87 (35% of 248)
29h. Retired	46 (19% of 248)
29i. Unemployed	11 (4% of 248)

**30 Occupations of the adults in the household (Check all that apply)**

30a. Marine related	19 (8% of 248)
30b. Farming	22 (9% of 248)
30c. Construction trades	57 (23% of 248)
30d. Business management/administ	36 (14% of 248)
30e. Restaurant lodging	7 (3% of 248)
30f. Sales	13 (6% of 248)
30g. Clerical	6 (2% of 248)
30h. Government	16 (6% of 248)
30i. Health care	40 (16% of 248)
30j. Homemaker	33 (13% of 248)
30k. Teacher	31 (12% of 248)
30l. Other	64 (26% of 248)

**31 What area of the town do you live in?**

Total	Downtown	Burkettville	The Ridge	West Appleton	North Appleton	East Side
197	20 (10%)	45 (23%)	40 (20%)	31 (16%)	25 (13%)	36 (18%)

**32. What do you like best, or least, about living in Appleton?**

**Best:**

Category	Raw Number of Responses
Rural Character and Scenic Beauty	71
Quiet Surroundings	36
Wildlife	15
Neighborly People	15
Ponds and Rivers	8
Low Crime	2
Close to Services	2
Schools	1

**Least**

Category	Raw Number of Responses
High Taxes	20
Deterioration of Dwelling and/or Zoning Related Problems	11
Speeding Cars	10
Traffic	8
Lack of Community Center	5
New People Wanting Change	3
Poor Municipal Planning	2
Cost of Schools	2
Access to ponds and Rivers	1

**33. What do you consider the single most important issue or problem that the town of Appleton faces?**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Raw Number of Responses</b>
High Taxes	65
Uncontrolled Growth	52
Loss of Open Space	12
Lack of Commercial Tax Base	11
Road Maintenance	9
Deterioration of Dwelling and/or	
Zoning Related Problems	8
Quality of Schooling	6
Lack of Community Space	4
Traffic	4

**Summary of Comments:**

Respondents agree that Appleton's rural character, quiet, abundance of wildlife, ponds and rivers, and neighborly people are the favored characteristics of our town. Conversely, uncontrolled growth, loss of open space, speeding and traffic problems, are named among the least favorable aspects of living in Appleton, as well as among the problems and issues Appleton faces. The highest number of respondents noted high taxes as the least favorable aspect of living in Appleton, as well as the single most important issue or problem that town of Appleton faces.

While we include quantifiable data for the top ten categories of response identified by the Committee, it should be noted that for any category a number of responses less than 7 represents less than 3% of the total number of respondents. The raw data from which these categories were developed is available in Addendum I of this document.

## Appleton Comprehensive Plan Survey, 2005, Addendum I

## Raw Data for Open-ended Questions #32 and #33 and Comments

## 32 What do you like best, or least, about living in Appleton?

Rural community, Senebec Pond (without Ski-Doos), general peace and quiet; Least, High tax rate

Like country living, safe, open spaces; dislike the high tax rate

Best, a quiet place; Least, muddy roads in spring

Best: Nice people; Least: Ice Storm

Love the view. Quiet Country Living rural setting

The privacy and warmth of the town folks

Appleton is a lovely place to live in both summer and winter. Unfortunately, as you get older and can't do the winter fun things, you have to leave and then come back.

Don't like school, SAD 28 and costs related to them; lack of local stores and gas pump; new residents making rules and policy

Best, Country setting ,safe, nice people; Worst, no trash pick up, no community involvement, unsure about school quality, no store

Best, Rural and scenic community, school.

We need central community building, library.

Rural Environment, The beauty, Sennebec Lake & St. George River, farmland, quietude(sic), Good stargazing (no bright lights), people are friendly; feels safe; Least: difficult to obtain services for 9yr old child w/learning issues (she does not attend Appleton School - yet we obviously pay taxes like everyone else).

Best : small community, school low crime of course; least: no community space, only one general store, no post office

Best pieceful (sic); least no work

The quiet, rural atmosphere, space, rural life, bedroom community for camden rockland

Best our location and view; least rt. 131 is heavily traveled by trucks & speeding vehicles.

Best, clean and quiet; least, too far from work

the people, open spaces(what's left) & beauty-farming community; small town atmosphere & diversity of people

natural resources & diversity of geography(geology) and animal habitat, rocks, waters & vistas

quiet & friendly

best, quiet country living, no street lights, neighbors you can trust, natural beauty, not over populated, beautiful peaceful; least, taxes are getting too high.

rural atmosphere beauty wildlife st.george river

we live in Appleton because we do not want to live in Rockland, Camden, Rockport, Belfast, Augusta or Waterville. We want it to stay as it is. It is not the most important point, it is the only point.

Privacy, natural rural setting, scenic views (Best)

Least, lack of downtown/community square & sense of community, lack of nearby convenience store.

We live in Liberty but have adjoining land in Appleton.

Best: Scenic vistas / peaceful tranquility; Least: High town taxes / lack of town services / low maintenance of town physical interstructure / deterioration of residential structures.

Best - Rural Flavor - Proximity to coast and shopping areas -- It is a beautiful, quiet , country setting. Yet, close to work, shopping, etc.... I like the neighborhood and how most people mind their own business, but are always their if you need something; Dislike new people coming to Appleton / trying to change everything to city standards / not let homeowner do what we want with our own land.

best - peace; least - having to drive so far for services.

Rural Living-Scenic Forest

Best, we like the natural setting & lack of development, the wildlife, river, "small town" atmosphere.; Least, we [don't] like the speed that people travel on Sennebec Road, especially in the downtown area.

Rural environment is best; Lack of town ordinances to keep things picturesque is worst thing

quiet, but fix the rd here, o.k.? thank you.

I like the small town atmosphere where pretty much every(one) knows each other.

Small town community atmosphere is awesome. I dislike the speeder on the Ridge Rd. Speed limit needs to be reduced from 40mph to 30mph.

(Best) The rural setting, the hunting, fishing; Least, Out of staters coming in and trying to make Appleton as much like the place they moved from. being a small town; like the least - Taxes.

No complaints on town except amt. of property taxes, need to encourage (sic) industry growth.

peacefulness, uncrowded

best - the lifelong residents; least - the growth

It's quiet and comfortable.

The peace and quiet

Rural Atmosphere, beauty, friendliness, quiet (positives); Driving & Road Conditions, distance from towns, activities, and stores(negatives)

Rural Character. Undeveloped Woodland and associated wildlife. Quiet. Association with agricultural cycles: gardening, haying, livestock births, sound of roosters crowing, etc.

Location, Affordable

Best - Rural Landscape; Least - Increasing traffic + Substandard Roads

It is quiet. And the people are very friendly and are willing to help there neighbors

Quiet, not much traffic, a lot of land between homes, pretty countryside

Country life style (Best); Escalating Taxes (worst).

It's a friendly, comfortable community. I was born and grew up across the road from where we live. R.M.

Best -- Quiet, Privacy, Scenic Views, nice place to bring up family, Least: Taxes and no business

It is a wonderful small town where people actually know one another & care about each other.

The rural nature of our town.

Appleton is an environmentally and naturally good place to live. A decent quality of life; What we like the least is too much salt/sand and not enough plowing. Also some people drive recklessly.

Rural nature

Best about Appleton are the people, wildlife and the scenic areas.; Least liked are over development.

Not full time residents at the present time. A wonderful place for a second home.

Best--Quality of life, peaceful rural setting; Least--That we don't have a noise ordinance pertaining to barking dogs.

Quiet pace of life.; We need options for public transportation.

Friendly people!; Fairly quiet but nothing for the kids to do in their spare time.

1) Given the speed and numbers of cars rocketing around on the roads of Appleton, I see a great need for a walking-biking path (no motors) beside the roads so people/children can walk and hike safely. It takes a split second (sic) of inattention or obscured visibility to cause a dreadful accident on these narrow roads.

Quant (sic) town -- nice people -- small community w/beautiful scenery.

Scenic beauty. Large forested properties, St. George River, Architecture of old homes.

Open space -- rural living.

It seems to retain its rural flavor; Dislike--How unkempt some of the homes are in the center of town - The bridge should have flower boxes or flags.

Best -- quiet, rural, beautiful, school system. Least -- PROPERTY TAXES, lack of commercial base. Do a proper reevaluation of property.

Plus -- Rural and quiet. Minus -- Lack of small market in the center of town.

Quiet, friendly, safe.

Best =Quiet, rural, scenic views, proximity to services; Least=Absence of zoning allowing junkyards and ramshackle dwellings.

Best -- (quiet, slow pace) and school size; Least -- (dirt roads, no cable, busses not traveling on all town roads.

Peace and quiet of my farm.

I like the small quiet (sic) town. It is a very good clean town to raise your children and teach them values of the land and wildlife.

Quiet, very little light pollution, affordable, there's not much commercial development here. Location is great, rural; The thing we like least (and it is a big one) is the drivers who are always driving 20+ mph, burning their tires, and tearing up the roadsides with their tires. The speeding is a major danger and 4-wheelers on main roadways.

Best -- rural character; Least -- Too much traffic on 131 and too fast. High taxes and unfair evaluation of new to tax roll properties. Appleton has not been appraised in 20+ years!!! No services or retail stores -- too far to drive for elderly. Poor plowing on roads. Etc.

I am sure it is a friendly town run by qualified and fair town officials.

We like country living, open space; We would like a general store closer.

Plus -- "Centrally dislocated", but many fine neighbors... We like Appleton in the summer during a drought! (But don't like the bugs!); Minus -- MBNA increased traffic is a problem.

Best: Scenic beauty, away from big towns; Least: Neighbors who won't fix their broken septic and let their dog run free barking in the dead of night.

Least: We used to be separated from our neighbors and had privacy. Since we've lived here, two houses have been built, two are about to be built and one is being built -- so now we are surrounded.

Good school. Privacy. Scenic.

Best: Natural beauty -- no congestion.

The people are a close knit bunch. I feel Appleton is a well run town and should be preserved the best that the town can handle. I would like to see some businesses move in to help us (sic) tax base -- but businesses that would fit in to our small town area.

Best -- wildlife; Worst -- hunting

Appleton is a friendly, beautiful, country town. I would like to see it maintain that atmosphere as much as possible.

Nice all around Peaceful.

BEST -- Nice town and nice people; LEAST -- Taxes. Very difficult on a fixed income.

It is quiet, rural, wooded areas, wildlife has a place to live. It is a diverse group of people. It is still a small town.

I love the untouched natural beauty. There are not many places in the USA that you can still see nature at its best.; The least thing I see that I don't like is the many unkept homes, the owners should feel more pride in their homes. I would like to (see) the run down trailers either fix up or removed. Small town. Private. Everyone knows you; Least like: Commute to work in winter but it's well worth it to live in such a beautiful private location.

Countryside

Best- rural character, strong sense of community; Least- nothing

The best - the people are wonderful and the rural nature of the area is most appealing. We love living on Sennebec Pond, so please leave it alone - thanks!; The worst - The traffic and the speed on Rt. 131 (Union Rd.). The county trucks hauling blacktop are the worst. Next are the trucks hauling logs to Robbins Mill. I think that the quarry operations in the area have also put lots of additional traffic on 131.

A great place to raise children. Beautiful views. Taxes are to [sic] high

The people, natural beauty, proximity to the coast but still in the mountains

We were brought up in Appleton but live outside the state at the present time

Best: Quiet, uncluttered, scenic views, farmland/agriculture, wild life habitat, low population, protected lands (Nature Conservancy and land trust holdings); Least: increasing population, splitting large tract into smaller house lots, rising (every year!) taxes and high valuations

Less regulations than the average town in Knox county. Slower way of life, Natural beauty, The quiet and underdevelopment as well as the community

Rural quiet and beauty, Great neighbors; Least: phone company (farpoint)

We Do enjoy our space, small town feel and friendly people. And very much enjoy the privacy. All dealings with the town office have been positive

The quiet, the ability to do what I want on my own land without someone bitching about it (so far)

the people

Best: Rural. Let's keep it that way! Peace and quiet, good schools, locations, country living with views of fields and barns; Least, taxes Far too restrictive as to what one can do on his own property. unequal enforcement of existing codes. Standards are for some, but not all. I like the small town way of doing things. I do not like the school system. I do not like the taxes, because of the school system.

small town neighborhood; quiet

Best: it's home; Least: We're being crowded out.

Best: A peaceful environment, rich with wildlife.; Least: People who abuse the hunting regulations by firing shots in the middle of the night.

Best: quietness and friendly people

Quiet; least, Having people who work at the prison speed 60-70 mph. Having people who work for the town of Appleton don't do the job they should do.

Peace and quiet at night

Best: rural atmosphere; Least: lack of stores, traffic on 131

nice people - like Bob and Nancy Hall, for example

Best, the rural quality of life, the (relatively) undisturbed woodland and wildlife habitat around my home

the peacefulness and quiet, the people of Appleton; least, lack of resources for elderly or sick people

Like - rural - ability to work on & improve property, easy, quick access to natural surroundings; dislike - lack of community due to geographic spread - being essentially a bedroom community.

Best: the rural quality, the dirt roads (when kept up); least: 1. no town center or feeling of community unless you have children, then, the school acts as center. Loss of P.O. and stores is a significant loss. Difficult to know what is going on in town. 2. high mil rate

I like the country living -- but do not enjoy paying city-like taxes.

Best part: Everyone seems to be friendly and get along with everybody. (Once in a while I will run into an ugly Republican. Other than that, OK).

Rural setting and community, the environment

Best - the quiet; open space; beauty; lack of street lights; least - the lack of a village center with P.O., small grocery store

small town

Best - Quiet, Natural surroundings, Wild life

Beautiful. rural small town. Its fairly quiet, not to many people, still some dirt roads around & trails, beauty, peace, integrity of people, privacy

We like the peace, the quiet, the wildlife, the small town feeling, the ability to see the stars at night without interference from artificial lighting.

Is and can be to some extend [sic] life as it was and can be. Because at the time & the people are quite and it a nice place to live

like all the natural land – untouched quiet – wildlife good people school

Best: natural environment, near needed city services, quiet (when it is); Least: poor ordinance enforcement

best - still rural but not far from places.

the best - the rural character, dirt roads, views, farm house/ barns, quiet, star gazing, many horses, wildlife; the least - no regulations for growth, lot sizes too small (even Rockport's rural area has a larger lot size), no regulations for artificial lighting

scenic beauty, tranquility, open spaces are what we like best; lack of care that some property owners exhibit regarding their property/ homes is what we like least.

Open undeveloped land, rivers, ponds & the Ridge, Like the country setting; Don't like the mil-rate - too high - need more businesses in town to help with the taxes

Like relative quiet, scenic landscape, low crime, nice neighbors, lack of commercial development (i.e. convenience stores, fast food, etc.); Least - unsightly debris and litter and the traffic - indeed the speed

least - the school budget

best - rural setting, Quiet area yet close to most amenities

Best: It's peacefulness, beauty, serenity, Being in a small town.

Best, Like the views, ponds, streams, forests, wildlife and most of the people. Also like knowing that both sides of my family were original settlers of Appleton; least, not enough going on in community to bring folks together-social events-maybe I have to look harder.

Peacefulness of community/quiet

the rural nature of the town, country, close to city. properties are generally well maintained, few mobile homes

the diversity of people who live here-the land!

Best-I like living here cause my wife and dog live here-rural quiet; Least-high taxes-too much driving

living in the country-we don't live on top of our neighbors-best.

Need noise & dog barking laws...

Privacy - 'Tis a little bit of heaven!!!

best natural beauty - quiet living

the best things about Appleton: It is a quiet rural area close to Camden/Rockland. no area of dense development-it is (not) a tourist destination

like rural atmosphere-space, quiet, countryside, no smokestacks

Best It is the best! best-space- views- low density of population; least-loss of farmland/open space; prefab housing-lack of community cohesion

best: that it can be so close to "larger towns" like Rockland, Camden, Belfast and yet retain its charm and integrity. This is where I want to raise my children.

privacy beautiful natural setting small community friendly space unspoiled and undeveloped open space- farm land- close to coast

### 33 What do you consider the single most important issue or problem that the town of Appleton faces?

Maintaining status quo  
 Collecting taxes  
 Ski-Doos  
 taxes  
 lack of adequate comprehensive town plan  
 Not preparing for inevitable growth  
 Keeping the property taxes down!!  
 Division: Listening to one another  
 Taxes on Real estate  
 The taxes (property) are very high! Money should be spent judiciously.  
 Taxes are too high!  
 Loss of agriculture (large farms)  
 Uncontrolled development  
 Rising taxes  
 Saving its beauty, both environmentally and in terms of human caring - a tricky combination  
 Taxes too high  
 need to have more folks involved  
 The older people whose income has diminished with retirement, trying to keep and maintain their property that they have had all their life. You are almost forced to sell even though you don't want to.  
 Lack of business/commercial tax base; dirt roads not up to standard  
 Quality of the school system  
 Managing residential sprawl and truck traffic on Rt. 131  
 Slow development and lowering taxes  
 school taxes  
 property taxes  
 high taxes no business manufacturing base that can help shoulder the tax burden on citizens (sic)  
 jobs  
 residential development, loss of open rural land  
 rapid growth  
 school costs are completely out of hand  
 zoning + recorder unable to read next word  
 uncontrolled development + growth  
 it has almost ruined the town we live in here in Massachusetts in the past 15 years  
 taxes  
 roads and taxes  
 rising taxes; environmental decline; growth (uncontrolled); effective code enforcement; too much growth and property taxes  
 people don't care about Appleton, raping the land for profit  
 school funding  
 cleaning up dilapidated buildings  
 We can not afford any more taxes or benefits that ultimately impact taxes. we want nothing done that will impact property taxes, sales taxes, income taxes, or any other taxes  
 Lack of Cable TV Services; Monopoly by Tidewater Telephone  
 Making sure that over regulations never become a part of why we choose to live here. If you enjoy zoning and restrictions, move to Camden.  
 High town property taxes: the Appleton taxpayer should receive a far better return for taxes paid. The balance is too high: 63% school / 32% town.  
 Too much money is wasted. There is inefficiency. The selectmen/budget committee/planning board are not balancing the needs of the town with the needs of the schools. \$23.00 tax rate should be drastically lowered. The residents of Appleton should demand more from town for the taxes they have to pay. One need only look at many of the town's residential buildings. They are in a bad state of repair.  
 Taxes rising - Possibility of undesirable business interests moving into the area and destroying Appleton's laid back rural way of life.  
 Spending more & more on school & our own children coming out with less knowledge. Not having no recreation / not enough money to help do our roads properly.  
 unregulated, unplanned residential development; encourage development in areas already developed, leave as much land undeveloped as possible  
 high taxes; lack of business to help with taxes  
 Road Maintenance and Repair  
 Smart development that brings in tax dollars and allows the town to grow without sacrificing the scenic beauty of the area & the public's ability to enjoy the use of the land.  
 uncontrolled housing development and expansion  
 Wealthy outsiders moving in & buying large parcels of land, posting it & destroying natural habitat to suit their own personal use with no regard for their neighbors. Example, Woodman Pond, illegal construction of a dam on Ripley's Brook by Appleton's Planning Board Chairman; Foreigners moving in and wanting services like the cities have, but not wanting to pay for it, thus driving up taxes.; Restrictions on property, though it continues to be taxed as though their (sic) were no restrictions.  
 Population - Houses are going up every where on the West Appleton Road. My opinion is that traffic will get even more heavy since people use it as a "fast" short cut to get to Rt. 131.  
 Too much development. Too many mobile homes. Taxes are too high. Would like to see a restriction on land division/  
 We need to work to keep housing affordable for young people to raise their families.  
 Taxes

Aging population, with tax base is hard to live with. Need to incorage (sic) more business in area for people to work at without traveling to (sic) far and more than just seasonal work

Maintaining rural character.

amount of heavy truck traffic on the town roads

managing the inevitable change

The real estate taxes are too high.

High Property Taxes, financial resources for school and road upkeep, services to people in need

Lack of zoning. Need to concentrate development in villages and preserve rural space.

Managing the growth while keeping taxes down for the aging population

Improving Elementary Education - raising test scores

Well, the taxes for education and maintenance of the roads

It's not really a problem, but I think it would be nice if Appleton had a General Store & a Pharmacy.

Tax Base

Roads & Schools

Property Taxes

Taxes

fire protection

High Property taxes

Growth and expansion of 'facilities'

High taxes on elderly that own large acreage, forcing them to subdivide and sell some farm land that is also used for hunting, snowmobiling, etc.

No enforcement and disregard for the speed limit through the village on 131/105.

Real estate taxes; Schools

Growth

Development of businesses and industries.

Taxes & Rodes (sic)

Quality public schools always are important issue/maintain standards of high quality.

Rising property taxes.

Maintaining natural beauty; Increasing traffic volume; Rapid growth.

Lack of garbage pickup.

Letting too many (respondent did not finish sentence!)

Growth management -- protecting character & quality of life in Appleton while planning for growth that is and will continue to occur.

We need a tax base in this town ideally industry that would supply jobs so people could stay in town.

More than likely housing for older people; Employment and promoting the positive assets of the town.

Taxes -- protection from massive development. Not having the reevaluation done on time.

More access to the Sennebec at the north end.

1. Too much growth.; 2. Roads.

Absence of zoning.

Road maintenance. More school funding, lacks a community center/recreation program for children; Town's ability to adapt and keep the community image in future without letting big business coming in to reduce tax burden.

Property taxes! We need to create new ways to generate income for our town. I am confident this can be done if it becomes our priority.

Controlling growth in order to keep Appleton a pleasant place to live.

Rising educational costs and sky-rocketing property taxes.

\*Too big a school budget for the enrollment. Also Special Ed is too big and unnessary (sic) for many children.

Rising taxes. They do force development as many of us are finding it difficult to pay them as they jump yearly.

People not paying taxes. People coming in from out of state bringing their ideas on how things should be run.

Tax base dependent only on residential properties.

Fast growth.

Roads.

Over-development of any kind that reduces natural beauty.

Taxes. Our taxes are high and need to be re-evaluated.

Expansion of library.

Similar to ours in Hope --too much growth -- too fast and how to handle it and still keep the country atmosphere that we all love. Also -- increasingly high taxes. esp. for waterfront property that make it difficult for Native Mainers to stay in their homes.

Taxes.

Poor leaders.

Taxes

It is growing too fast without guidelines to preserve the reason we love it here; Traffic is becoming a problem.

Too many run down trailer homes, junk in too many yards including old broken junk cars and trucks; Let's work together to make Appleton the beautiful town it deserves to be.

Future growth and maintaining the small town atmosphere.

New buildings in beautiful fields and countryside

Spending too much money on schools etc.

Property taxes too high

Maintaining the local control of the school. Resist being absorbed in to the SAD28 system

Rising school costs - leading to property tax increases

Appleton Ridge Rd. is very dangerous to drive at times due to unpaved section. This needs to be fixed. Too many houses are being built with nothing being done to the roads.

Spending money the town does have

Development. Keeping tracks of land; Residential farming with large lot; at least two acres for the future

Work places for growth

Surge in new home/modular constructions on smaller lots, resulting in loss of open space and wild life habitat and the demand this increase in population puts on town services

Over regulation!

The burden property taxes have and will have on home owners. The lack of commercial business and industry to help relieve property tax for home owners.

unrestricted growth (unzoned)

new laws

I don't feel qualified enough (not enough info/knowledge) to answer this question

growth (out of state)

schools

getting a handle on taxes and stop reckless spending coupled with restrictions on activities

Development that detracts from its small town, agricultural charm

growth, lack of industry for tax base, unfair home taxes, unsitely [sic] mobile homes; mandatory set back from road should be further property tax

the tax burden is on homeowners, i.e. no or few big businesses to help with tax relief

To turn our school system around without pouring more money into it. Also, to encourage residential growth of upper-scale housing to develop a solid tax base.

lack of funding

Developing the town by creating a general store, gas station, etc.

Tax

Need for more community resources for those without children, i.e., parks, library, restaurant

People living in paper houses and the town help for food, heat and the lazy shouldn't have help from the town when people work and need help can not.

No public transportation -- need a vehicle to go to store at least 2 x week for elders; cars going too fast

Too high taxes for the ones who are too old to work to earn money to pay taxes that have lived all their lives here.

high taxes; high school expenses; growth planning/zoning

Adding an extra foot or two to make Route 131 safer to drive. Additionally, a few more sign placements indicating blind rises -- curves on Route 131 as drivers consistently come up over blind "humps" while riding over the center line into oncoming traffic's lane.

coping with explosive growth, finding the right balance between preservation, conservation, and rural character vs. population increase, demand for services without excessive taxation or bureaucracy

managing growth

Sprawl and the inevitable increase in services associated, but inability to deliver those services & general degradation of quality of life.

lack of a sense of community and a town center and way to know what is going on in town

School taxes -- out of control. The CSD should stand for Camden Social Department.

There is no industry for a tax base and we need something, maybe a saloon would help, or a night club.

Appleton losing its innate human and geographic attributes due to outside development by persons "from away" including myself!

Keeping the feeling of the Town.

The threat of uncontrolled growth given the location only miles from the Camden/rockport midcoast area. Inextricably linked with that and sky-rocketing real estate prices.

control growth of new homes

Issue - Lack of a center meeting place, poor communication within town, move town meeting to March - Plenty of notice, more likely to have people attend & get involved.

Development loss of current character

I have nothing against people from out of town or state moving here. I do have a problem with them coming here then trying to make it like what they left. Such as telling everyone what they can & can't do on their own property. I don't think we need lots of rules & regs on what we can do. I don't necessarily want a junkyard next door or dump but if it not a health haz only cosmetic I don't feel its my right to stop them. They're paying taxes too. And I don't feel lots of big businesses will bring down taxes, because along with it people want more programs lights etc. etc..

Really don't know

the town fire station is quite a ways from some of the homes and there isn't any street light and there isn't much for the younger generation to do for entertainment

maybe housing developments

population growth

balancing the pressure of growth while keeping as much of the small town community feeling as possible.

Increased speed of residential growth, while trying to maintain the towns rural character, which is why people want to live here in the first place. We need to make sure that Appleton doesn't end up to be a type of town that people are currently trying to get away from. Our lot sizes are too small.

unplanned or not-well-thought-out growth and development!; arbitrary land/ property use.

Over development of land's resources

Controlling growth

unplanned growth & development and vulnerability to entrance of large commercial interests (such as Lane Construction)

litter

Controlling growth that is manageable (like most towns in the area). This is a very popular area for many reasons. To manage new construction (which is quite significant) that doesn't overly affect taxes (also quite significant) and retain the rural wide open safe environment that Appleton has always enjoyed is going to be a very difficult undertaking to say the least. Good Luck!

the school budget

roads

growth - ANY is bad

overdevelopment in the near future

Excessive property taxes

Higher taxes-communication and community cohesiveness; common ground-common goals-youth programs to help build responsible citizens. Our own "make a difference day" community cleanup at least twice a year- with a pot luck afterwards.....

urban sprawl

how to control growth and preserve the rural nature of the community.

unregulated growth

controlling development

roads need to be fixed; work on roads needs to be done earlier-

Roads need to be fixed. Plowing needs to be done earlier.

Property Taxes; backyard auto dumps.

over development

Growth-It is vitally important to have a clear comprehensive plan in place. Appleton has a great opportunity to allow growth and retain the rural atmosphere. Limiting a denser industry-large homes-small lots(we would prefer lots of (2) acres- would help retain this. We built a home in Appleton because it is what it is today.!!!

taxes

future development - speed of; lack of recreation; it's becoming a retirement community

Preventing rich folks from away coming here 'paying high prices thus driving our valuations up-More homes do not improve the tax base. We've seen tremendous growth and taxes don't improve. but only get worse. Taxing the folks that have a second home more than the local residents might help a little. Otherwise send 'em away, let someone else have em.

maintaining open space/controlling housing development

I haven't lived here a year yet. I don't pretend to know what is best or worst for Appleton.

developing good land use guidelines- avoiding Washington dilemma of commercial destruction of natural setting - quarries strip mines etc. and increased commercial traffic dump trucks etc. on small roads and the havoc they raise deforestation

taxes--changing the face of this town

### 34 Additional Comments

Town should encourage sustainable forestry

Many comments about the preference for cluster housing; keep wild areas wild; need zoning but attractive setting; appropriate preservation of land; maintaining aesthetic and environmental high standards;

Have scenic bike and walking ways

qst 1: need sidewalks drainage and embankments on w.appleton rd that was torn up when town repaved road

9) no mobile homes please

10 just better maintained such as peabody rd

8) oppose cluster homes;9) "my" land is already prohibited from having mobile home

#26) taxes could force issue beyond our control

i am a resident of rockland, this is not applicable

owns land in appleton, does not live there, as result no opinion of appleton services

2f and 4e have comments requesting trails for hiking and walking; 9e Says: avoid Mobile home parks completely

from the person recording this survey... page 1 with questions 1-4 was missing from this survey...

(On question 29 the word "sometimes" appears next to the choice "other".)

#19 - split the cost between the 3 checked (builder/developer, home owner, town)

on question # 12 - We only favor all the above dependent upon commercial zoning.

on question 20 - owned land; on question 24 - not in Appleton; on question 28 - not in Appleton

#1 - Collinstown Rd. very bad on the dirt road is bad. So pave my road the dirt road on Collinstown Rd.; #12 - "yes" written next to medical, hotels.

inns & motels, bed & breakfast; "yes, for kids" written next to amusements; "no" written next to mining/quarrying, heavy industry, toxic waste

storage; #16 - Yes pave the dirt Rd Collinstown Please; #31 - dirt Rd Collinstown Rd. fix it Please; #30 - Residential Cleaning; #30 - self employed (both)

#9 - (third option) Does not apply to the question you ask!!!; #11 (third option) Should be between buyer and seller not the town.; #19 Should be reviewed on a case by case business.

#25 - I only own land in Appleton - We do not live there! Grew up there, however; #31 - Own land on 105 before Appleton Ridge Road.

(the word taxes are in big letters on # 32 and #33.

Additional Info on #9: "Trailer Parks should be limited to size of plot - and # of homes; #11: Don't think anything less than 1 acre is appropriate for Appleton unless it's existing and can be grandfathered; #18 Too many 1/2 hour directions to travel - we're in the center or everywhere!

9e: Reviewed by Planning Board; 11e: Reviewed by Planning Board or as part of master plan.

Lived in Town for 20 years; Camp on Sennebec for 20 years; Now lived in Searsmont for 28 years

Town should acquire Sennebec Pond Access

Don't we already have an ordinance to address the location of mobile home parks?; #13 But should have to register with the town; #14 See above comment; #15 Don't we already have a commercial development ordinance?; #16 In the long run it would save tax dollars; #29 Thomaston #27 Bed & Breakfast (would like to see in Appleton)

Note: If you need or want any more members on this committee, I would volunteer. Sincerely, John Bender.

# 30 Logging

#12 - (mining/quarrying) with limits; #19 - only if necessary; set by town; #30 (both)

Q.11--No smaller than 1 acre.

Managing growth. Protecting environment.

Q. 19--Combination of above

It's a beautiful place!

Q. 1--too new to know

Q. 4--For "Other" -- Easements on working blueberry fields.

Q. 11 Other -- Existing lots.

Q. 18 Local tax dollars for public transportation -- Cannot add services without adding tax base.

Q. 9--Mobile home parks (Other) -- Do no encourage.

Q. 12--New/Expanded businesses (Other) -- Oppose Disposal sites

Q. 19--Upgrade roads--Combination of Builder Developer/Home Owner/Town

Q. 27--Like to see a Private School

Q.4 -- Emphasized (circled) Yes for "Public land on Sennebec Pond."

Q. 16--All (roads) should be paved.

Q. 15 (Zones for commercial use-No)--Should just be taxed accordingly.

Q. 16 (More roads should be paved -- No) -- Our dirt roads give our town character.

Q.6 (Consider districting?) -- Not sure what "districting" means.

Q.29 (Place of employment-other) -- Rockport.

Q.11 (smaller lots) -- The town has NO BUSINESS dictating to the buyer or seller on lot size or price.

Q. 1 (Police protection) -- What protection?

Q. 1 (Recreational facilities) -- What facilities?

Q. 1 (Solid waste disposal) -- Too far to drive.

Q. 5 (Junkyards/automobile recycling) -- Yes, Yes, Yes.

Q. 12 (Businesses or industries) -- Processing farm products -- undecided --Depends on products)

Q. 26 (would you divide) -- No. N A

Q. 29 -- (Place of employment) Looking for employment

Good questionnaire. As a non-resident, I answered as honestly as I could. We own undeveloped land in Appleton and as a native of Waldo County and a rural background, I may see things differently than some. However, in today's world, anything to encourage a living wage and a home to live in for young folks or the elderly are the no. 1 priorities I feel. An eye to the future to keep Appleton a clean, nice place to live should follow what I consider the aforementioned priorities. Thanks for letting us comment. Elsie and Earl Adams (Palermo residents)

Q.1 (Town Services) -- Not a resident so cannot comment as we do not use these services.

Q. 2 (Land use-recreation) -- N/A don't know of present facilities.

Q. 4 (Land for public use) -- Not familiar with this item.

Q. 5 (Standards for land use) --Probably to some extent.

Q. 9 ( Mobile home parks--Other) -- Mobile home parks should be kept neat.

Q. 12 (Businesses in town--automobile salvage yard) --only if used car business in town.

Q. 16 (Town-maintained roads paved) -- Undecided. Not familiar with the needs.

Q. 17 (Public transportation) -- Undecided. Not sure of need now.

Q. 20 (How long a resident) --Not a resident but hopefully made suggestions as a rural Waldo Co. family.

Q. 21 (Live in another state) -- Yes. 4 1/2 months.

Q. 30 (Occupations) -- These reflect our former work positions. Now retired.

Q. 31 (Area of town in which live) -- N/A. Own land near Appleton Ridge bordering pipe line. At present very undevelopable.

Q. 1 (Health services) -- ?

Q. 3 (Undeveloped shoreline) -- None

Q. 19 (Town responsible) -- At some point

Q. 31 (Area of town) -- South End

Q. 9 (Mobile home parks-Other) -- Should not be permitted.

Q. 11 (Smaller lots - other) -- Should not be permitted.

Q. 29 (Place of employment -- other) -- Rockport

Q. 30 (Occupation) -- Engineer and graphics designer

Q. 3 (Encourage preservation...) -- Should be left to individuals and groups, ex: Historical Society

Q. 4 (Public use - other) --Yes; places to hike.

Q. 12 -- (Businesses or industries) -- Mining/quarrying; heavy industry; toxic waste storage; automotive salvage yard -- NEVER

Q. 12 (businesses or industries) -- note at bottom of listing "absolutely no leave alone please."

Q. 29 (place of employment -- other) -- Damariscotta

Q. 1 (Town services) -- We own land but do not live in Appleton so do not feel comfortable answering these questions.

Q. 9 (Mobile home parks--permitted any place...) -- If modular homes, yes.

Q. 19 (Substandard town roads...Town) If they are town approved roads. If not, it should be up to the developer or homeowner.

Q. 20 (How long in Appleton) -- Owned property 11-30 years. (They live in Hope.)

Q. 27 (Special housing...) Yes, but limited. I think the townhouse apartments in Union are a good example of this.

Q. 1 (Town services) -- We have a tree farm in Appleton. We are interested in Appleton but some things we cannot answer since we live in Florida.

Q. 16 (More roads paved) ? Don't know.

Q. 20 (Lived in Appleton) Owned since '56. Lived in Appleton '70-'82.

Q. 29 (Employment) Retired. 82 years old.

Q. 3 (Preservation...historical sites) – Some

Q. 16 (...more paved roads) -- Can't afford  
Perhaps heavy truck traffic could be diverted to Rts. 105, 235 or even Sennebec Road every now and then, just a thought.  
with #9 "NO F----- TRAILER PARKS!!"  
Route 131 needs to be a foot or two wider  
retain/acquire ecological reserves  
Town should retain, not acquire land for public use. Town should not be in the land management business except for public access.  
I think that having town meeting in June is a mistake. it is poorly attended because everyone is "playing" on weekends in late June. I think it should be moved back to March.  
need improvement in disposal of environmentally dangerous materials (oil, paint thinner, batteries, etc.)  
4- wants PO, town community center, where can we meet? Who are fellow citizens?  
5- Wants ordinance for town mtg attendance  
14- What does small mean?  
18-To where? Only in town? Out of town?  
27-Co-housing  
1 - possible playground  
9 - I'm not against people having mobile homes but I do not want a park in Appleton  
11 - I do not feel we need smaller lots smaller lots more people crammed in.  
29 - North Anson  
31 - Rte 131  
1 - improvement of disposal of environmentally dangerous materials (oil, paint, batteries, etc.)  
26 - only in hardship conditions  
12 - Other: big business e.g. Wal-Mart, Home Depot  
30 - Other: retired  
1 - health services - not applicable; rec facilities - town owned swimming area  
4 - none - unclear question!  
5 - other – noise  
9 - first 2 - Shouldn't be permitted.; third - doesn't make sense  
23 - not applicable  
8 - add barns to single family homes  
8 - Other - only aesthetic designs to keep with the rural look of the town  
9 - apartments - ???  
9 - Other - Permitted only if it can't be seen from the road or from any abutting pieces of land  
11 - Other - We need larger lot sizes  
5 - Other -Standards for maintaining residential property  
9 - Other - Should not be allowed  
30 - Other - Professional (both)  
Several questions were noted as not being applicable since this person owns land in Appleton but does not live there.  
1 - fire protection - determined by availability of volunteers  
1 - Roads - no attention paid to landscaping  
1 - Health - What?  
2 - These choices are determined by market forces  
3 - Scenic - too subjective  
3 - Steep slopes - to prevent soil erosion  
3 - Forested - Depends on quality of forest  
5 - Land use - too vague. What?  
10 - As per above (9)  
11 - Custer housing should be allowed in certain areas  
12 - Boat - small wooden only  
12 - Trade - What?  
12 - Retail - On 131 in/near village  
12 - Repair - depends what & where  
12 - Restaurants - Only in "downtown" i.e. where old store is  
14 - As per above (13)  
15 - Depends how "Commercial use" is defined  
19 - undecided perhaps if a development/subdivision is put in by a builder he should be responsible, if just a single home/homes by 1 or more owner-builders, then the town. I favor stricter limits on where houses can be built (at ends of deadend roads, up on tops of steep hills etc) - as Rockport is considering - to reduce burden on town pol fire & road maintenance  
26 - possibly

1 - not needed any services; 2- at least 1 acre or more, no commercial development; 4 - concerned about who would use town acquired land; 8 - not interested in any multifamily housing; 9 - don't want any more in area and would like to get rid of what exists; 10 - they should be banned and the existing (mobile homes) should be removed; 11 - (smaller lot sizes should )not be allowed; 13 - would prefer no small businesses in homes but if restrictions were in place and adhered to, maybe; 14 - same; 16 - not necessarily; 17 - would not want the public transportation services in the village - would not like the extra traffic - as it is the traffic from 17 to Rt 2 is too much - too big for the road - with either no respect for speed or safety. Particularly wood trucks - a real hazard.

Owns property here but does not live here.

4 - How?; 7 - How?; 9 - NO M. H. parks

property owner, summer resident

Question # 5: Go by state standards

How do we balance everyone's needs?-Families need jobs and homes-We want to protect the beauty integrity of our country lifestyle.

Question #5-look at the established state guidelines...

property owner in Appleton -only.....

plan how you want the town to look- set high standards of home construction and landscaping-be careful about "allowed use"-be more like Camden and less like Rockland.....

House currently under construction

question #8- Other permitted only as cluster development with open space

question#4 under (other) wants public land on Mill Pond.

**Appleton Comprehensive Plan Survey, 2005, Addendum II**  
**Cover Letter for Survey Instrument (April 29, 2003)**

**TOWN OF APPLETON**

APPLETON, MAINE 04862

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE**

April 29, 2003

Dear Appleton Resident,

**THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE WISHES TO ENROLL YOUR HELP!**

The state of Maine has mandated that a town's comprehensive plan be updated every ten years, and Appleton's last Comprehensive Plan was completed in March of 1992. The Town of Appleton has become the fastest growing town in the midcoast area and we need to update the Comprehensive Plan to help guide this growth. All of the Town's current or future ordinances depend on this plan.

**Your input is vitally important. The enclosed survey will give the Comprehensive Plan Committee the information we need to update the 1992 Plan and provide the foundation for future ordinances to help guide the expected growth through the year 2010.**

Please take the time to fill out the enclosed survey as completely as you can within 3 weeks if possible. The more questions you answer the better we will be able to prepare a Comprehensive Plan that best suits our town. Please use the enclosed envelope to return your survey or drop the survey off at the Town Office.

This survey is very important to the town and provides YOU the opportunity to help shape Appleton's future!

Thank you for your time and effort,

The Comprehensive Plan Committee  
Appleton, Maine